



## Canadian (**Processing**) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

**February 1, 2023** Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022 vs. 2021	3-yr. Average	2022 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	7,628	10,460	10,728	2.6%	9,605	11.7%
New Brunswick	3,757	5,905	5,393	-8.7%	5,018	7.5%
Quebec	2,519	3,286	3,205	-2.5%	3,003	6.7%
Ontario	2,713	3,371	3,039	-9.8%	3,041	-0.1%
Eastern Canada	16,617	23,022	22,365	-2.9%	20,668	8.2%
Manitoba	10,083	10,449	9,768	-6.5%	10,100	-3.3%
Alberta	8,589	8,646	11,138	28.8%	9,458	17.8%
British Columbia	-	-	-		0	
Western Canada	18,672	19,095	20,906	9.5%	19,558	6.9%
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b><u>35,289</u></b>	<b><u>42,117</u></b>	<b><u>43,271</u></b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b><u>40,226</u></b>	<b>7.6%</b>

We continue to see a tight market on processing potatoes, with most provinces showing a decrease when comparing 2022/23 and 2021/22 holdings at the same period, other than Alberta who are still showing increased holdings of processing potatoes which is not surprising due to the increase planted acreage and production this season. There were 7.7 million cwt of processing potatoes shipped in January 2023, an increase of 18.1% over December and a 19.1% increase over January 2022. The 43.3 million hundred weight in storage as of February 1<sup>st</sup> is still 7.5% higher than the 3-year average reflecting the continued increase in demand in the processing sector and therefore increased planted acres. There continues to be a very tight market across the continent in the processing sector and, despite having the largest increase in potatoes on hand in Alberta, it may still require Western Canada and the US to import potatoes to keep their expanded processing plants running at full capacity.

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